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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.111 TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED AUGUST 27, 2003

Dear Madam:

In response to the Final Office Action of August 27, 2003, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments and remarks be considered and made of record.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.

It is submitted that the amendments to the claims place them in condition for allowance and present no new matter.